

# Transport Officers' Group Update

- Current Chair of TOG leaving role at Herefordshire Council – a replacement is currently being sought.
- An updated workplan for 2021/22 has been developed by the Chair in conjunction with partners – this will be endorsed at the 30 September 2020 Meeting.
- Successes from the previous year (2019/20) include:
  - Engagement with Midlands Connect in the development and delivery of the Future of Rural Mobility Study and input into Midland Connect's proposal to become the statutory Sub National Transport Body for both the East Midlands and West Midlands regions.
  - The Cross Border study, jointly funded by Midlands Connect and the Welsh government, which developed a delivery programme for the A5/A483 corridors on the Shropshire/Welsh border.
  - Advice to constituent authorities regarding project development and bidding and dissemination of emerging government guidance (WebTag and WelTag).
  - Engagement with Midlands Connect in the development and delivery of the Future of Rural Mobility Study, input into Midland Connect's proposal to become the statutory Sub National Transport Body for both the East Midlands and West Midlands regions.
  - Contributing on the Department for Transport's proposals for a Major Road Network tier which has subsequently been published. Including a number of existing roads within the Marches.

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- Future work includes:
  - Continuing to strengthening and aligning the priorities and strategies of the membership.
  - Development of cross border transport priorities including - North Wales and Marches Strategic Transport Group study into improving the A5 and A483 routes from the north of Shropshire into the County Borough of Wrexham.
  - Establishing network readiness for autonomous and ultra-low emission vehicles, including closer work relationship with the Marches LEP Energy Sub Group.
  - Reviewing strategic level changes in forecast network capacity.